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MILO CUP: They are one match away from joining seniors in semi-finals

THE semi-final lineup for the Milo Cup may not be what was predicted as SSTMI Juniors shocked Division One runners-up Petaling Jaya City Council 4-3 in the first leg of their quarter-final yesterday.

The outcome of the other three last eight ties, however, went according to script as champions SSTMI, Anderson and UniKL Young Guns scored resounding victories.

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SSTMI Juniors' players celebrate a goal against PJCC yesterday. Pic by Owee Ah Chun

SSTMI bury KLSS

FIRST LEG: Champions edge closer to semi-finals, Juniors shock PJCC

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LEAGUE champions Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) virtually sealed their semi-final spot when they hammered Kuala Lumpur Sports School 4-0 in the first leg quarter-finals of the Milo Cup yesterday.

The upset of the day was claimed by Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School Juniors who beat Division One runners-up Petaling Jaya City Council 4-3.

UniKL Young Guns were also in a mean mood as they whitewashed Malacca High School 7-0 to make the return leg on Sunday a mere formality.

In the other quarter-final, Anderson of Ipoh beat Division Two runners-up Kelantan 5-1.

SSTMI coach Wan Roslan Wan Rahman could not have asked for a better show from his charges:

“Considering that KLSS completed their Division Two fixtures without losing, we expected to have a tough time against them.

“However, my players took control of the match from the start, and with a four-goal cushion, the return leg will be much easier to play.”

The double champions have claimed one silverware, and are heading towards the Milo Cup on a steady note.

“It was a small step towards our goal of retaining the Milo Cup, and hopefully, the players continue this momentum in the semis as well as the final,” said Wan Roslan.

SSTMI got their goals off Azril Misron (13), Ahmad Ashraf Alias (33rd), Azwar Abdul Rahman (38th) and

Hafiz Seleman (54th).

As for UniKL Young Guns, their seven were scored by Haziq Samsul (second, 67th), Syafiq Zulzairin (30th), Rafizul

Ezry (42nd), Norsyafiq Sumantri (50th), Hafifi Elkan (62nd), Syafiq Zulzairin (64th).

As for SSTMI Juniors, Firdaus Musa (17th), Danial Asyraf (40th, 44th), Luqman Nur Hakim (49th) caused the upset, while PJCC narrowed the gap for a shot at the return leg via Hafify Rodzi (30th), Shahiram Zali (65th) and an own goal in the 58th minute.

Meanwhile, the women's hockey team beat Fiji 12-0 for a total of nine points in Round Two of the World League in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

The women now only need to beat Japan tomorrow to cement

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their spot in the semi-finals of the World League, which offers a ticket to the World Cup.

Malaysia had already beaten Russia 3-1 and Kazakhstan 3-1, while their only blemish was a 3-0 defeat to India.

RESULTS — Q-finals, 1st leg: Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School 4 KL Sports School 0; Anderson 5 Kelantan 1; UniKL Young Guns 7 Malacca High School 0; Petaling Jaya CC 3 SSTMI Juniors 4.

TOMORROW — Q-finals, 2nd leg: KL Sports School v Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (Ministry of Education, Spm); Kelantan v Anderson (Terengganu, Spm); Malacca High School v UniKL Young Guns (Bukit Serindit, Spm); SSTMI Juniors v Petaling Jaya CC (Taman Daya, Spm).



SSTMI Juniors' Khairul Helmy Mohd Napi (left) tries to block Petaling Jaya CC's Muhammad Farid Md Zuki in their first leg quarter-final of the Milo Cup yesterday. Pic by Owee Ah Chun